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We are parents of 3 children who attend Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School (WIMS) in Hamden. We are residents of Stratford, but one of us works in Hamden and the other works in Wilton. So because Wintergreen is a magnet school, it gave us the opportunity to apply and have our children attend a school that is not far from one of us.

In addition, our children are enjoying the different programs that are offered at the school. Our son is in 6th grade and he has played the saxophone in the band since 4th grade. He is also a part of the jazz

band. Our daughter is in 4th grade and she is a part of Theatreworks,

which is a theater production that allows the children to showcase their

musical and artistic abilities. Our youngest daughter is in 2nd

grade; and she loves art class and the different art events that take place

throughout the year (such as the Annual Art Show).

Each of our children began attending WIMS in kindergarten and we love

the school. The teachers strive for excellence with the students and bend

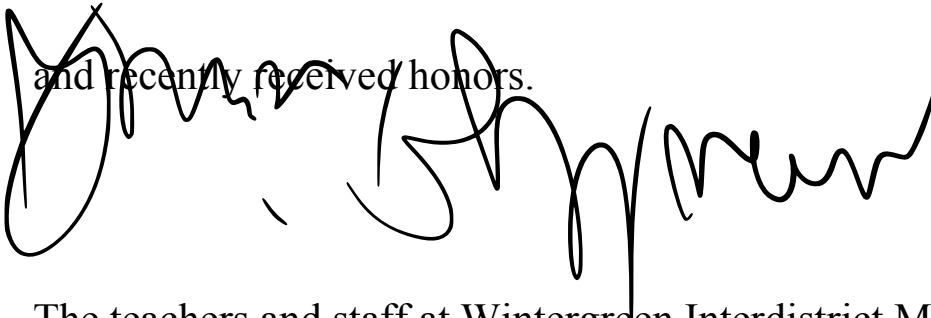
over backwards to help any child in need. Our son was having difficulty

in 3rd grade with reading. His teacher quickly recognized this and the

literacy team provided additional resources for him to bring him up to

grade level. Ever since then he has improved each year with his reading

and recently received honors.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George and Devón Bellamy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "B".

The teachers and staff at Wintergreen Interdistrict Magnet School are very caring and dedicated and are helping the students reach their highest potential. Please consider not cutting the magnet school funding. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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